

## Introduce

Before us today is an agreement regarding the occupancy of a building for our Tulsa office. This is a result of the State giving up its building at 7<sup>th</sup> and Houston in Tulsa for use as a veteran's facility through a federal funding effort.

I think it has been clear to everyone that this entire process was dropped on OMES with little preparation time, a very tight timeline, and insufficient funding.

Accordingly, we have been amenable and made accommodations for the timeline, and we have accepted compromises to the layout of the space allotted to our agency.

Additionally, we are aware that the decision was made to purchase the building through The School Land Office to enable ease of purchase, and this comes with additional requirements for which we have also made accommodations.

All along the way, we have dealt in good faith as we agreed to, but as we come to the final step, several questions have arisen among the Commissioners, and I want to thank Commissioner Russell for his diligence. This is our proper opportunity to address those questions, and clear up any miscommunications so we can craft a lease we can agree to.



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